

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 978 - SB 841

March 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop and distribute to local education agencies (LEAs) guidelines and policies on the risk of sports concussions and head injuries, criteria for removal and return to play, and risks associated with not reporting an injury and returning to play. Requires LEAs to develop policies on these issues and sets forth policy requirements that include review of policies by coaches, players, and parents or guardians, written acknowledgement of receipt of these policies, and an evaluation by a licensed health provider before a player is authorized to return to play. All LEA insurance policies shall require the LEA to adopt concussion policies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,500/One-Time

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The DOE will convene a panel of experts for four two-day meetings to develop these policies. These experts will be compensated for time and travel from each Grand Division. Costs will include \$4,400 lodging (\$110 x 10 x 4) and per diem \$3,960 (\$49.50 per day x 8 days x 10 experts); and mileage \$2,129.
- Total increase in state expenditures for meetings will be \$10,489 (\$4,400 + \$3,960 + \$2,129).
- LEAs will distribute policies along with other information before the start of each season. Any increase in local expenditures for printing materials and storing acknowledgements will be not significant.
- The state and LEAs will not be responsible for any cost associated with concussion evaluations.

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- Each LEA will work with their individual insurance provider to include requirements in their policies. Any cost associated with adding this provision into LEA policies is unable to be reasonably quantified.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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